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SUBJ: WORLD BANK/IMF COMPENSATION PROPOSALS

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1. DURING THE PAST 15 MONTHS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE VERY GENEROUS INCREASES IN THE SALARY SCALE THROUGHOUT THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE, UNDER A GENERAL POLICY OF MAKING PUBLIC SERVICE COMPENSATION AND FRINGE BENEFITS A MODEL FOR THE ECONOMY. BECAUSE OF THESE UNUSUALLY LIBERAL INCREASES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOA WILL BE HESITANT ABOUT FOLLOWING THE U.S. LEAD IN QUESTIONING THE IBRD/IMF SALARY AND PENSION PLAN PROPOSALS.

2. FOR THESE REASONS THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE AS WELL PREPARED AS POSSIBLE BEFORE IT APPROACHES GOA FOR DISCUSSION. IN PARTICULAR, EMBASSY WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE SOMEWHAT MORE DETAILED RATIONALE SUPPORTING POINT MADE IN PARA 5 THAT NO REAL HARDSHIP IS INCURRED BY SENIOR STAFF DUE TO LOCAL INFLATION. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF PENSION PROPOSAL,
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SPECIFICALLY THE STATEMENT THAT NEW BENEFITS WOULD APPLY

RETROACTIVELY TO PRESENT EMPLOYEES.
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